

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Clark Edwards Lubbers and Randy L. Roberson**  
Assignee: **SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY LLC**  
Application No.: **10/658,982** Group No.: **2189**  
Filed: **September 10, 2003** Examiner: **Behzad Peikari**  
For: **DATA STORAGE SYSTEM AND METHOD** Notice of Allowance mailed: **8/13/08**  
**FOR ADAPTIVE RECONSTRUCTION OF A**  
**DIRECTORY STRUCTURE**

**Mail Stop Issue Fee**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included in the Notice of Allowance/Notice of Allowability mailed August 13, 2008.

**REMARKS**

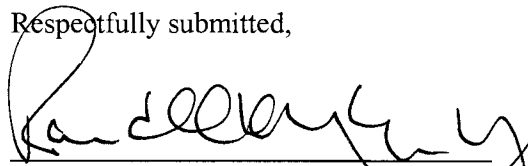
The Applicant gratefully acknowledges allowance of the case by the Examiner, but affirmatively denies any acquiescence to the Statement(s) of Reasons for Allowance. The Applicant respectfully submits that the allowed claims meet the requirements of patentability over the art of record, and it is on this basis that the patent grant is proper. The Applicant traverses any view that the patentability of the claims was required by any particular feature, or by all of the features, set forth in the allowed claims. Thus, the

statements and characterizations by the Examiner with regard to the reasons for allowance are expressly denied and will have no preclusive effect on the construction and scope of the claims.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall K. McCarthy", written over a horizontal line.

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